

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 57

By Miller J

A RESOLUTION to recognize Captain George "Big Daddy" Perkins on the occasion of his retirement from the Athens Police Department.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those law enforcement professionals who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm, always remaining true to their motto "To protect and serve"; and

WHEREAS, George "Big Daddy" Perkins is one such estimable officer who has served the Athens Police Department for 30 years with ardor and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Captain Perkins has taken a much deserved retirement from a distinguished law enforcement career that has spawned many societal changes and six police chiefs; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Kentucky, George Perkins worked for Rockwell Standard in Winchester, Kentucky, making parts for military vehicles until he was 30 years old; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Captain Perkins began his laudable career with the Athens Police Department, then known as the Department of Safety; and

WHEREAS, as a valuable example of the spirit of camaraderie that permeates the Athens Police Department, Captain Perkins is well-respected and loved by the other officers on the force, whom he considers to be part of his family; and

WHEREAS, a fellow officer has said that Captain Perkins is one of the best “public relations” officers he has ever known; he is a caring and devoted friend to the citizens of Athens; and

WHEREAS, Captain George Perkins plans to spend his well-deserved retirement with his loving wife Madaline, enjoying leisurely activities like gardening and woodworking; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career with the Athens Police Department, George “Big Daddy” Perkins has served with the utmost professionalism and intensity, winning the unqualified respect and admiration of his fellow officers and the public alike; and

WHEREAS, Captain George Perkins exemplifies the values of hard work, compassion, and devotion to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and diligent officer of the law; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we applaud Captain George “Big Daddy” Perkins for his 30 years of exemplary service with the Athens Police Department, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.